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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:**  
**Duffield, et al.**

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**Dear Sir:**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2006**

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 8, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Applicants believe that a one-month extension fee is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ATT/2001-0335, for any additional fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.